GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA

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ANTYODAYA YOJANA
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) the number of persons in the country particularly in Maharashtra who benefitted under the Antyodaya Anna Yojana during the last two years;

(b) the quantum of foodgrains lifted under the said scheme during the above period;

(c) whether any study has been conducted/proposed to be conducted to determine whether the foodgrains reaches the targeted people;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(f) the steps being taken to make this scheme successful?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (DR. AKHILESH PRASAD SINGH)

(a) & (b): The number of families in the country particularly in Maharashtra who were benefitted under the Antyodaya Anna Yojana during the last two years and the quantum of foodgrains lifted under the Scheme is given below.

Sl.No.	Items	Year 2002-03	2003-04
1.	Number of families benefitted in the country(as on 31st March of the year).	98.59 lakh	124.47 lakh
2.	Number of families benefitted in Maharashtra (as on 31st March of the year).	10.017 lakh	14.357 lakh
3.	Offtake of foodgrains at country level.	35.39 lakh tonnes	38.24lakh tonnes
4.	Offtake of foodgrains in Maharashtra.	3.64 lakh tonnes	3.91 lakh tonnes

(c), (d) & (e): Yes, Sir. The Government has entrusted a study to M/s ORG - Centre for Social Research on the evaluation of the Targetted Public Distribution System and the Antyodaya Anna Yojana.The study would inter- alia report on the timelines of arrival/lifting and delivery of foodgrains to the Fair Price Shops as per the provisions in the Public Distribution System (Control) Order, 2001.

(f):In order to make the scheme successful, Government constantly monitors the functioning of the Scheme.The Central Issue Price (CIP) of Antyodaya Anna Yojana has not been revised since the inception of the Scheme. In addition, the base of the Scheme has

been widened to include certain vulnerable categories of the people. Besides, the continued increase in the off-take of food grains under the scheme shows that the Scheme has been successful.